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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Ex Parte Notice:** WT Docket No. 02-381; WT Docket No. 01-14; WT Docket No. 03-202; CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission's") Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this letter provides notice that on June 29, 2004, Albert J. Catalano and Matthew J. Plache of Catalano & Plache, PLLC, Counsel for Nextel Partners, Inc. met with Sheryl J. Wilkerson and Eric Gunning of Chairman Michael Powell's Staff, and Matthew Brill of Commissioner Abernathy's Staff. At the meetings, the attendees discussed issues related to the comments and reply comments filed in response to the October 6, 2003 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above-captioned WT Docket Nos. 02-381, 01-14 and 03-202, as well as issued related to Universal Service Fund ("USF") support for rural service provision in CC Docket No. 96-45. Messrs. Catalano and Plache urged Commission officials to let the marketplace have time to develop secondary markets rather than imposing additional regulatory requirements. In addition, Messrs. Catalano and Plache asked that the Commission move as quickly as possible to make USF support available to competitive ETCs such as Nextel Partners so that the benefits of increased competition and mobility could be provided on an expedited basis to rural consumers.

An original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's Office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 338-3200.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Sheryl J. Wilkerson, Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell  
Eric Gunning, Office of the Chairman  
Matthew Brill, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy

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